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This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination being submitted in the subject patent application. 37 CFR 1.114 (a) and (c). Applicants submit herewith copies of foreign patents documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Applicants wish to provide the following information regarding the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08:

(1) In Japanese Patent Publication No. H11-197258, paragraph [0006] and Figure 22 may be relevant to the subject application (partial translation of paragraph [0006] is attached);

(2) In Japanese Post-Exam. Publication No. H07-32806, Column 9, lines 3-5 and Figure 3 may be relevant to the subject application (corresponding portions of the relevant text are marked in grey in the Publication and the attached computer-generated translation thereof); and

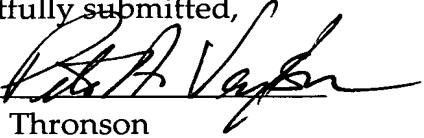
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